American Government Chapter 7, Section 1

**The Nominating Process**

Define Nomination:

Define General Elections:

What is self-announcement?

What is the method?

Which presidential contender in 1992 used self-announcement?

Define Caucus:

Based on the primary source reading from Charles Francis Adams describing the caucus: who were regularly chosen in the caucus before they were chosen in town?

When did criticism of the caucus reach it’s peak?

Who boycotted the Democratic-Republicans caucus that year?

Who held the first national convention and in what year?

During the late 1800’s the caliber of most conventions declined: Using the primary source description of the Cook county convention, written by R.M. Easley answer the following questions:

1. Which type of person had the greatest number?
2. How many present had served penitentiary terms for arson?
3. How many people were unemployed?
4. How many people had served a sentence for manslaughter?
5. What can these statistics tell us about the convention system?

Define Direct Primary:

Define Closed Primary:

Define Open Primary:

Independent and minor party candidates usually must submit signatures to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Which one of the six reasons that 3rd parties do not win elections does this exemplify?

What are three major arguments that people use who support closed primaries?

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What are two criticisms of closed primaries?

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What is the difference between a plurality and a majority?

Define non-partisan elections:

Direct primaries, whether closed or open are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_party nominating elections.

What does this mean?

Voter turnout in primary elections is usually less than \_\_\_\_\_ of the general elections in November.

What is an unfortunate by-product of expensive primary contests?

The nominating process can have a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ effect on the party.

Because voters are not well informed, the primary places a premium on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What does this mean?

Nomination by petition is found most widely at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Which posts and offices are generally won this way?